

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 16, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1 – 14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A tape roll comprising:

a central tape roll axis;

a length of tape comprising a leading end, a trailing end opposite the leading end, a first side, and a second side opposite the first side, wherein the second side of the tape is at least partially covered with pressure sensitive adhesive, and wherein the tape is circumferentially wound about the axis until a plurality of adjacent tape layers are wound; and

a tab having first and second opposite ends, a first side, and a second side opposite the first side, wherein at least a portion of the second side of the tab is covered with pressure sensitive adhesive;

wherein the adhesive portion of the second side of the tab is adhered to the first side of the tape on a penultimate layer of the roll so that the trailing end of the tape overlays the tab between the first and second ends of the tab.

16. (Currently amended) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the second side of the tab comprises:
a non-adhesive portion having first and second ends, the first end of the non-adhesive portion coinciding with adjacent to the first end of the tab; and
[[an]] the adhesive portion of the second side of the tab having first and second ends, the first end of the adhesive portion being located adjacent to the second end of the non-adhesive portion, and the second end of the adhesive portion coinciding with adjacent to the second end of the tab.

17. (Original) The tape roll of claim 16, wherein the tab comprises a deadening layer to provide the non-adhesive portion of the tab.

18. (Original) The tape roll of claim 16, wherein the tab comprises at least a portion of the adhesive portion of the second side of the tab folded toward and adhered to the second side of the tab to provide the non-adhesive tab portion.

19. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 16, wherein the tap comprises a web material laminated to at least a portion of the adhesive on the second side of the tab to provide the non-adhesive tab portion.

20. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 16, wherein the trailing end of the tape overlays both the adhesive and non-adhesive portions of the tab.

21. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the adhesive portion of the tab is spaced from the trailing end of the tape by a distance that is at least as long as a circumference of the penultimate layer of the roll and is no longer than a total distance of the circumference of the penultimate layer and a length of the tab.

22. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the adhesive on the second side of the tab has the same adhesive strength as the adhesive on the second side of the length of tape.

23. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the adhesive on the second side of the tab has greater adhesive strength than the adhesive on the second side of the length of tape.

24. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the adhesive on the second side of the tab has less adhesive strength than the adhesive on the second side of the length of tape.

25. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the adhesive on the second side of the tab is a repositionable pressure sensitive adhesive.

26. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the entire second side of the tab is coated with pressure sensitive adhesive.

27. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, further comprising a tape core defining the central tape roll axis, wherein the length of tape is circumferentially wound about the core.

28. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the length of tape has a width, the tab has a width, and the width of the length of tape is approximately equal to the width of the tab.

29. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein the tab is generally transparent across its length and width.

30. (Previously presented) The tape roll of claim 15, wherein at least a portion of the tab is opaque or translucent.